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RE:

U.S. Patent Application of Bob McGuire, et al.

Entitled: "Multi-Lock Adapters for Independent Screwed Wellheads

And Methods of Using Same"

Serial No.: 10/607,921 Our Ref: 15912/09030

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Start to the Consequence Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). Complete if Known **Application Number** 10/607,921 RANSMIT June 27, 2003 Filing Date For FY 2005 First Named Inventor Bob McGuire **Examiner Name Hoang Dang** Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 Art Unit 3672 TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 200.00 Attorney Docket No. 15912/09030 METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) Check Credit Card JMoney Order None Other (please identify): Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 50-1196 Deposit Account Name: Nelson Mullins LLP et al. For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) Credit any overpayments under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. **FEE CALCULATION** 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES **FILING FEES** SEARCH FEES **EXAMINATION FEES Small Entity Small Entity Small Entity Application Type** Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fees Paid (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Utility 300 150 500 250 200 100 N/A Design 200 100 100 50 130 65 N/A Plant 200 100 300 N/A 150 160 80 Reissue 300 150 500 250 600 300 N/A Provisional 200 100 0 N/A 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES **Small Entity Fee Description** Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) 50. 25 Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) 200 100 Multiple dependent claims 360 180 Total Claims 24 **Extra Claims** Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) Multiple Dependent Claims - 20. or HP = 50.00 0.00 Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20. N/A N/A Indep. Claims 4 **Extra Claims** Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) _ - 3-or HP = 200.00 200.00 HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3. 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated July 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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